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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2003-04
ANTELOPE VALLEY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of the public transportation services in the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2003-04.
2. Approve the County's \$2,222,000 share of the costs of the transportation services.
3. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority of the County's share of the cost of the transportation services on a quarterly basis.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for the continuation of public transportation services for residents of the unincorporated County areas of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04.

On February 25, 1992, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to arrange for a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale creating an agency to be known as the Antelope Valley Transportation Authority (AVTA) to provide for planning, contracting, and operating the public transportation services in the Antelope Valley. The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was established on April 1, 1992. This action will provide for the continuation of these services for FY 2003-04.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by mobilizing a collaborative effort with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to meet public needs. It also meets the goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. Providing these services improves the mobility of the patrons in the Antelope Valley area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the AVTA is required to submit an annual capital and operating budget to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement member agencies for their approval. The preliminary budget amounts provided by AVTA staff for FY 2003-04 are as follows:

	<u>AVTA Total Cost</u>	<u>AVTA Total Cost Less Farebox</u>	<u>County Share</u>
Local Service	\$13,121,000	\$11,258,000	\$1,209,000
Commuter Services	2,556,000	1,244,000	123,000
Urban Dial-A-Ride	3,792,000	3,696,000	403,000
Rural Dial-A-Ride	<u>622,000</u>	<u>608,000</u>	<u>377,000</u>
	\$20,091,000	\$16,806,000	\$2,112,000

The County's share of the cost for these services less farebox revenue is \$2,112,000 plus \$110,000 in staff support for a total of \$2,222,000. County staff support includes budgeting, service monitoring, analysis of new and proposed services and facilities, participation with AVTA and City staff in responding to citizen concerns, and participation in the annual Transportation Development Act, Article 8, Unmet Needs process.

The cost of the County's share of the services, less grant funds, will be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds or Transportation Development Act, Article 8, funds. To help offset the cost of the services, the AVTA will be receiving funding assistance such as various Federal Transit Administration and State grants, Proposition A Discretionary, Proposition A Incentive, and Transit Service Expansion grants. The County's estimated jurisdictional share of the grants is \$1,425,000. Accordingly, the County's cost, less grants, for FY 2003-04 is estimated to be \$687,000 plus \$110,000 in staff support for a total of \$797,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon your approval, we will inform the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the continuation of the program.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current service.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 3, 1997, Synopsis 67, your Board found these services categorically exempt pursuant to the Class I category provided under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Appendix G of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

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CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to us and forward one copy to County Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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